

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For	: METHODS, PEPTIDES AND BIOSENSORS USEFUL FOR DETECTING A BROAD SPECTRUM OF BACTERIA	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114 SUBMITTED WITH A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the April 7, 2009 Final Office Action, and in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), this Amendment is submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.